

Shrewsbury Public Library

News and Events

Friends of the Library News

Scholarship

The Friends are currently accepting applications for the 2005 Friends of the Shrewsbury Library Scholarship. This \$500 scholarship is available to any graduating senior residing in Shrewsbury and continuing his/her education as a full-time student toward a bachelor's or associate's degree. Applications are available at the Library and on the website. The application deadline is May 6, 2005. Applications may be dropped off at or mailed to the Library.

Art Contest

The Friends of the Library are seeking original art work to appear on new book bags. Please see the library website for more details or stop in and pick up a flier at the Front Desk. Deadline for entries is March 31, 2005.

Shrewsbury Genealogy Club

March 10 and April 7 7:30 pm

Norma Chang

The Traveling Gourmet

Friday April 15 2 - 4:30 pm

Norma Chang returns to the Shrewsbury Library to talk about and demonstrate how anyone can cook Chinese vegetables for your own family. Norma will also provide recipes for whatever she cooks--and all participants will have the opportunity to sample her delicious dishes! Registration is required and may be done at the Front Desk or by calling 508-842-0081 x3.

Holiday Closings

March 27 Easter
April 18 Patriot's Day

Book Groups

Eclectic Browsers

March 17 10:30 am
The Hours by Michael Cunningham

April 21 10:30 am
A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson

Pageturners

March 3 10:30 am
Murphy's Law by Rhys Bowen

April 7 10:30 am
White Sky, Black Ice by Stan Jones

Science Fiction

March 2 7 pm
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

April 6 7 pm
Storm Front by Jim Butcher

Tax Help

Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm
March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9
Volunteers from the AARP will be available to provide assistance with the preparation of tax forms. Appointments must be made at the Front Desk of the Library or by calling 508-842-0081 x3.

Computer Classes

Introduction to the Internet
March 8, 15, 22 2 pm

Basic Computer Skills
March 17, 24, 31 11 am

Word Processing
April 5, 12, 19 2 pm
Registration is required and may be done at the Front Desk or by calling 508-842-0081 x3.

News from the Children's Room

March is Youth Art Month

Bring your own "Rembrandt" or "Monet" and we will display it in the Children's Room at the Library. Also, check out the art contest sponsored by the Friends of the Library –details on page 1 of this newsletter!

Meet the Author and Illustrator

March 25 2 pm

Appropriate for all ages

Come meet local author Phil Posson and illustrator Michelle DeMarco who have just published The Pink Pumpkin. Copies of their book will be available to buy. 10% of proceeds go to Heifer International to support farmers worldwide. No registration is necessary.

Holi Celebration

March 28 11 am

In India, Holi marks the coming of spring. Come listen to a story, dressed in your white clothes, and do a colorful craft to help us THINK SPRING! Registration begins March 11.

Puppet Show

April 19 11 am

Appropriate for all ages

Enjoy this encore performance by the Stars of the Library. Sing along with some of your favorite live-action and cartoon television characters. Space is limited. Registration is necessary and begins April 8.

Calling All Crafters

Leaping Leprechauns

March 16 2 pm

Grades K-5

Space is limited, registration begins March 2.

Book Chat

March 23 4 pm

Grades 3-5

Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson

kids club
after school

Author Study

Hans Christian Anderson

April 13 4 pm

Grades K-2

Read a book by Hans Christian Anderson and come talk about it with friends.

Afternoon at the Movies

March 28 2 pm

Grades K-5

Give us a call and we'll tell you what's playing.

Baby and Me

Ages birth – 2

Tuesdays, April 26 – May 17 10 am

Because space is limited, a lottery will be held. Sign-up in the Children's Room between April 6-14, names will be drawn and winners will be notified by noon on April 15.

Growing with Mother Goose

Ages 2 ½ - 3 ½

Thursdays, April 28 – May 19 10 am

Space is limited, registration begins April 14.

Lunch Bunch Storytime

March 15 and April 5 11 am

Appropriate for children age 5 and under with an accompanying adult.

Bring a blanket and a lunch. Enjoy some favorite stories. No registration necessary.

STORYTIMES

YOUNG Adult NEWS

All events for students in grades 5-12 ONLY
unless otherwise noted

Join TAGS!

March 9 6 pm

The Teen Advisory Group (TAGS) will be holding a meeting to reorganize and introduce new members. Join TAGS to suggest materials you want to see in your library, plan programs you want to attend, and support your library. To join, fill out an application at the Front Desk of the Library and come to the library on Wednesday, March 9! Bring a drink, we'll provide snacks!

Book/Movie Chats

March 23 6 pm

Friday Night Lights by H.G. Bissinger
Movie is rated PG-13 by the MPAA.
Free door prizes!

April 20 6 pm

Holes by Louis Sachar
Movie is rated PG by the MPAA.

Make Your Own Memory Board

Grades 5 and up

April 13 3:30 pm

What's a memory board? It's used like a picture frame to display pictures, but you can personalize it to fit your personality. We'll use foam board, fabric, ribbon, and stuffing to make a memory board designed just for YOU! Because space is limited, registration is required. To register, call 508-842-0081 x3 or stop by the front desk.

Movie Screening and Discussion

April 14 6:30 pm

A cool futuristic movie starring Jude Law.
Movie is rated PG by the MPAA

Author Visit—Brent Hartinger

April 27 6 pm

Author Brent Hartinger (Geography Club, The Order of the Poison Oak) will be visiting the Shrewsbury Library! Brent will be speaking about his writing experiences and autographing copies of his books. This event is recommended for students in grades 9 and above.

Advanced Books Program

Advanced books are copies of books that will be released in the future. Publishers give away advanced copies (sometimes with spelling mistakes) to create buzz for the titles. The Young Adult department at our library has been asked to review books and tell the publisher what we think. Here's how it works:

- Visit the Young Adult Room and pick a book of interest out of the marked box.
- Take the book home and read it.
- Bring it back into the library and fill out a review card. Put the book back in the box and take another. The review card can be given to Sarah or dropped in the Suggestion Box. We'll return your reviews directly to the publishers.

Forthcoming books include:

- ❖ Faking 19 by Alyson Noel
- ❖ Street Dreams by K'Wan
- ❖ Blinking with Fists by Billy Corgan
- ❖ The Bitten by L.A. Banks
- ❖ The Professor's Daughter by Emily Raboteau
- ❖ Serious Girls by Maxine Swann

April School Vacation Pirates and Princesses

April 15

Come to the Library to receive your special log book. Read some books about pirates and princesses.



April 19

2 pm

Calling all Crafters

Make your own Treasure Box to hold bounty or jewels (depending on whether ye be pirate or princess, aye?) Registration begins April 8.

April 21

2 pm

Princess Day

for girls and boys

Princesses (and princes) have fun too! Make a crown, listen to stories, and enjoy being royalty for an hour. Space is limited, registration begins April 8.

April 20

2pm

Pirate Day

for boys and girls

Ahoy mates. Come celebrate PIRATE DAY! Listen to stories, make a pirate disguise, and hunt for treasure. Space is limited, registration begins April 8.

April 22

2 pm

Afternoon at the Movies

Give us a call and we'll tell you what's playing!